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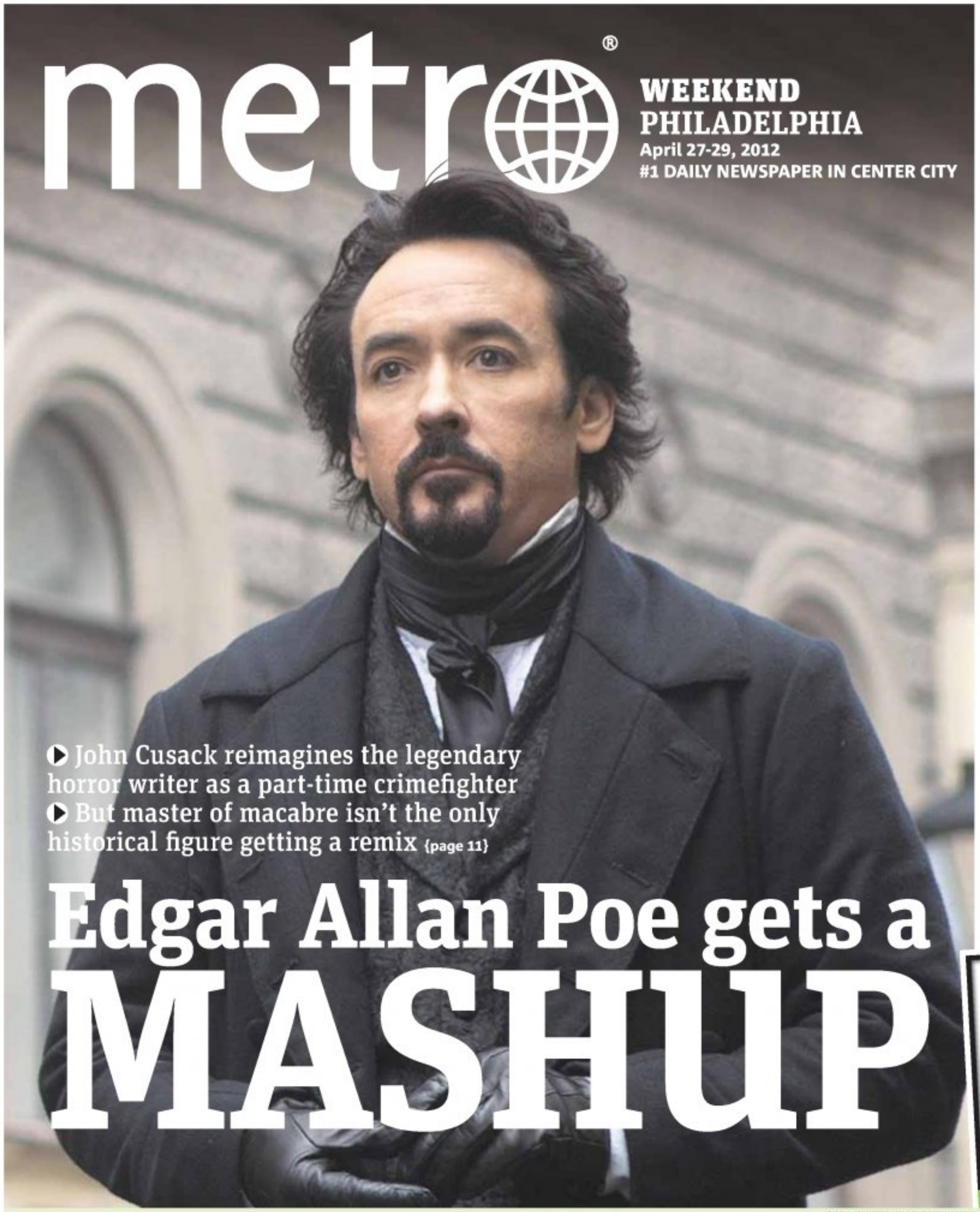

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Edgar Allan Poe gets a MASHUP

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Open Data Policy frees info 'held captive in the system'

Executive order signed by Mayor Nutter will release data through an accessible Web portal Will also allow for feedback from the public

Mayor Michael Nutter signed an executive order Thursday establishing an Open Data Policy for the city that mandates all executive branches to release information through a centralized online Open Data Portal accessible to the public.

"There's a hunger for knowledge and information and it's based on data we've held captive in our system," Chief Technology Officer Adel Ebeid said.

Open data is based on a premise that free, accessible information makes for a more transparent, accountable government, an engaged citizenry and a knowledge base from which individuals can build new ideas.

The portal will also include a mechanism for public feedback. "As we know, Philadelphians are never shy about offering comments, critiques and suggestions," Nutter said.

But it won't be available immediately: An informal working group has been meeting since late December to navigate the intricacies of sensitive information that is subject to client privilege, state or federal rules and to decide what data sets to make public.

"As much as we want to rush out and publish as much data as possible, we need to make sure it's structured and achievable," Ebeid said, acknowledging the work done by past open data partnerships, such as Code for America fellows. "To expand what we've done, we need to put a governance in place."

"The reason for the working group and advisory board is to decide what are high value data sets that need to be out in the public," he continued.

The city's Office of Innovation and Technology already partnered with software firm Azavea's Open Data Philly, founded during last year's Tech Week, which provides more than 100 municipal and nonmunicipal data sets. The city may use the portal as its platform of choice, but has not yet decided.

Other measures

In addition to the portal, the executive order creates:

- A chief data officer to oversee and enforce the policy
- An open data working group to develop the portal's practical details
- A data governance advisory board
- A social media policy for city employees that work in the executive branch

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In the news

Bail set for tire slasher

PHILADELPHIA. Bail was set at $270,000 Thursday for David Toledo, 44, who was arrested Wednesday for at least 49 of the tire slashings that plagued Mayfair since October. He was also charged with possession of an instrument of crime and false reports for claiming his own tires were slashed. METRO/AW

In the news

'F' on pollution

Philly's metro area is among the top 10 worst regions in the country for air pollution, according to the American Lung Association's 2012 State of the Air report.

Philadelphia scored an "F" for its higher-than-average number of high-ozone and particle pollution days a year. METRO/AW

Royals. Prince Edward

▶ Mayor Nutter presented Prince Edward with a Liberty Bell keepsake at yesterday's ceremony.

REKARD LARMA/METRO

Philadelphia gets the royal treatment

Prince Edward paid a visit to Girard College yesterday to plant a tree to honor the royal family's relationship with the school, where the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program was launched in 2009. During a 1860 visit, his great-great grandfather, Edward VII, planted a Buckeye tree; yesterday's tree, a Magnolia Elizabeth, was donated by Morris Arboretum. METRO

Report: Better taxes mean more jobs

Philadelphia relies far less on property taxes for revenue than most comparable regions, and the structure is causing the city to hemorrhage jobs from the office industry, its second-largest employment sector, the Center City District's annual State of Center City report revealed Thursday.

"It's not that we lack office demand, it's that our tax structure deflects it to the suburbs," President Paul Levy said, citing an over-reliance on wage taxes and the Business Privilege Tax to compensate for the comparably paltry property tax revenue.

"The big change we need is not lowering taxes, but change," he said, adding that instead of taxing the most mobile industries — like the office sector, whose workers can telecommute from nearly anywhere — industries who have no option but to operate in Philadelphia, like tourism and hospitality, should pay. "If it can move and you tax it, it will move," he said. "But you can't be next to the Liberty Bell in Bala Cynwyd."

Levy also advocated for a shift to the Actual Value Initiative of property tax assessment. "AVI will allow us to have a more stable property tax base and rely on it more," he said. "You can't implement this whole plan without those changes." METRO/AW

SEPTA employees hit the jackpot for $172M

CENTER CITY. SEPTA officials confirmed that 48 lucky employees won the $172 million Powerball jackpot Wednesday night.

The winning ticket was purchased from a newsstand located at Ninth and Market streets. The ticket matched all five white balls, 04-25-29-34-43, plus the red Powerball, 29. The jackpot has a cash value of $107 million, which would translate to about $2 million apiece.

SEPTA did not reveal the names of the employees or what department they worked for. METRO/SDL

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Acquitted Occupy protesters celebrate a 'victory for the First Amendment'

Judge rules 31 protesters were within their rights after an early morning march in December

Occupy Philadelphia celebrated a legal victory Thursday as all 31 people arrested in the hours following their eviction from Dilworth Plaza were acquitted.

The protesters were arrested early on Dec. 1, the 56th day of the Occupy encampment outside City Hall. Police chased the crowd of about 300 people from City Hall, which prompted a three-hour march that ended around 5 a.m. with the arrests on 15th Street just south of Spring Garden. The defendants were charged with failure to disperse, criminal conspiracy and obstructing the highway.

Prosecutors showed video from the raid and subsequent march and elicited testimony from Capt. William Fisher, former head of the police Civil Affairs Unit. They argued that protesters blocked traffic and did not immediately comply with police orders.

Defense attorneys argued that the arrests were a violation of the protesters' First Amendment rights.

Municipal Judge Karen Simmons granted the defense motion for acquittal, ruling prosecutors did not prove that protesters engaged in disorderly conduct or disobeyed orders to disperse. "After being given orders to move, they moved," Simmons said.

Prosecutors said they were disappointed with the decision. Meanwhile, the defendants and dozens of supporters who filled the courtroom cheered the ruling. "It's refreshing to see a victory for the First Amendment in the courts [regarding] Occupy," said Gwen Snyder, who was a member of Occupy's legal team. "I think it vindicates a lot of what we've been saying before that our conduct was peaceful [and based] on free speech, not violence."

BIKARD LARMA

▶ Occupy Philadelphia was evicted Nov. 30.

"They could've stood on that sidewalk all night based on the order they were given and not been arrested."
DEFENSE ATTORNEY WILLIE NATTIEL

On the stand

Capt. William Fisher, former head of the police Civil Affairs Unit, was the prosecution's only witness.

- Fisher testified that he gave the crowd orders on 15th and Hamilton streets to move to the sidewalk or they would be arrested, but the video shows protesters were arrested even after they complied.
- One male defendant claimed he was not a part of the Occupy crowd, but was walking up 15th Street on his way home when he was stopped and arrested.
- Only protesters standing on the east side of 15th Street were arrested, but video shows dozens of people standing on the opposite side of the street.

Occupy member Sean McMonigle, 24, said the arrests were unprovoked. "[Police] just got frustrated. They had had enough."

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Athletics. On track

▶ Competitors from Texas A&M warmed up in University City yesterday.

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The Penn Relays are off and running

Under cloudy skies, the Penn Relays kicked off yesterday at the University of Pennsylvania. The nation's oldest relay meet runs through Saturday and will feature one race every five minutes during 33 hours of competition. METRO

'Philly Poe Guy' Pettit has some bones to pick

People know two things about Edgar Allan Poe: He was a drug-taking drunkard, and his horror stories reflected his own degenerate life. These two "facts" form the basis of the new film, "The Raven."

Actually, though, neither is true, says Edward Pettit, the literary critic known as "the Philly Poe Guy."

The myths about Poe's life can be traced back to a single person, Pettit explains. Poe's literary rival, Rufus Griswold, wrote his obituary and called him a drunk, a drug addict and a friendless misfit.

So Pettit, an adjunct professor of literature at LaSalle University, was disappointed, but not terribly surprised, by "The Raven." In the film, a madman commits a series of gruesome murders. A detective (Luke Evans) realizes the murders are based on stories written by Poe (John Cusack) and enlists Poe to help solve the crimes.

▶ Edward Pettit knows his Poe.

Quoted

"I've been on a crusade for years to inform people about Poe." PETTIT

The portrayal of Poe is inaccurate both in biographical details — Poe wasn't the social pariah he's portrayed as in the film — and literary details. After seeing the preview, Pettit headed straight to the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site at Seventh and Spring Garden streets, where Poe once lived and wrote. "The rangers there are really knowledgeable," Pettit says, "and I wanted to warn them as soon as possible [that] there would be a new flood of visitors who would have the wrong ideas about Poe."

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▶ Sorry guys, maybe next term.

President Obama stepped in it twice this week, once by omission and the other by dishonesty, exposing the dangers of campaign season.

Let's start with the former: Obama visited several colleges around the country this week. At the University of North Carolina on Tuesday, Obama was all positive effusion. "I love North Carolina," he said. And: "I believe in you. I believe in your future."

What it was not clear that he loves or believes in, however, were marriage rights for same-sex couples. Gay rights advocates, a strong Democrat constituency, were upset that Obama didn't waste a single word on the state's upcoming Amendment One, one of the harshest anti-gay measures in the country, which would ban not just same-sex marriages but civil unions, as well.

In the second instance, Obama, in a Rolling Stone cover interview, denied campaign promises that his administration would step back from federal interference into state medical marijuana laws. "I never made a commitment" to do any such thing, he told the magazine, "because it's against federal law."

Several statements from 2008 refute his argument here, but this one from the Oregon Mail Tribune neatly sums it up: "I'm not going to be using Justice Department resources to try to circumvent state laws on this issue," he said at the time.

In the first instance, Obama could be wary of staking his reelection too closely to gay rights — especially considering the upcoming North Carolina primary and his razor-thin margin in that state from 2008. Likewise in the second: Maybe he thinks opponents could use the drugs issue against him. Or maybe he's just a liar.

Obama must be careful: These voters likely won't turn around and vote Romney, but there's a chance they may just not show up to vote at all.

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Campaign by numbers

84%

Percent of all Mitt Romney campaign donations, according to a press release from that campaign earlier this week, that were "$250 or Less."

11%

Percent of all Mitt Romney campaign donations, according to an analysis of Campaign Finance Institute data by MSNBC's "Now with Alex Wagner" staffer Joshua Chaffee, that actually came from small-donor contributions of $250 or less — once you weed out repeat contributors who donated more than that amount but in small increments.

64%

Percent of all Mitt Romney campaign donations, according to the Chaffee analysis, "from people who donated the maximum amount of $2,500."

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Percent of Barack Obama campaign donations from donors who gave $250 or less, according to that same analysis.

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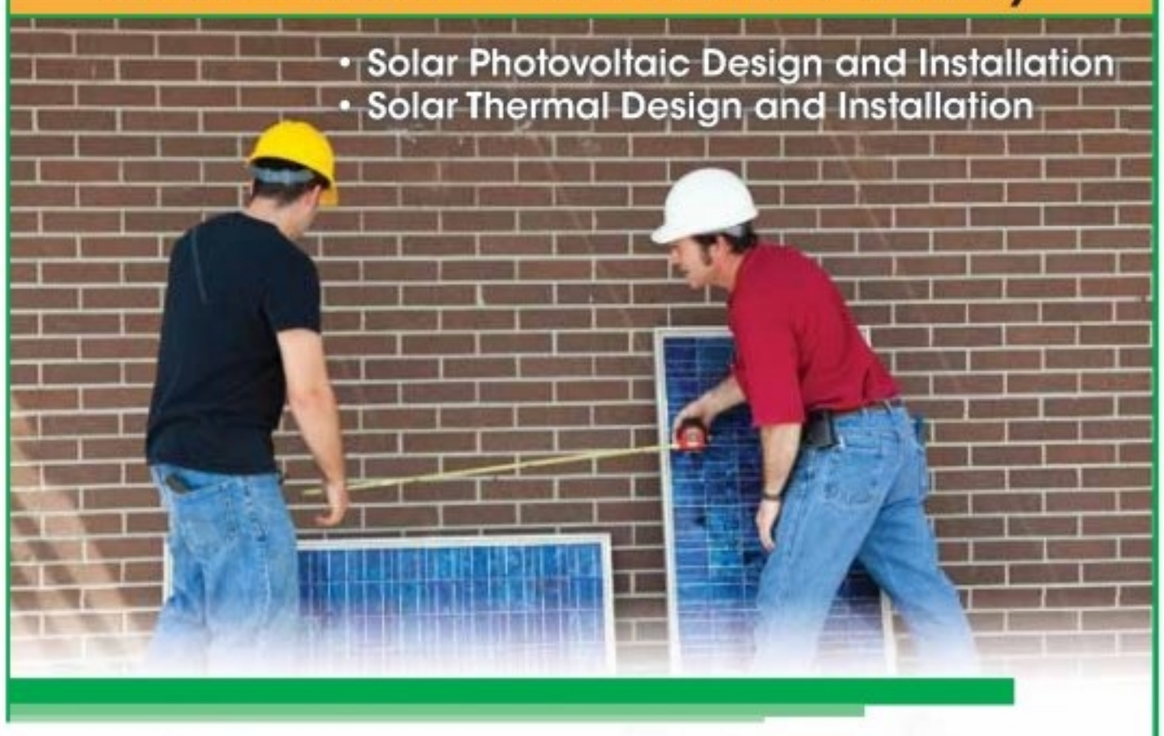

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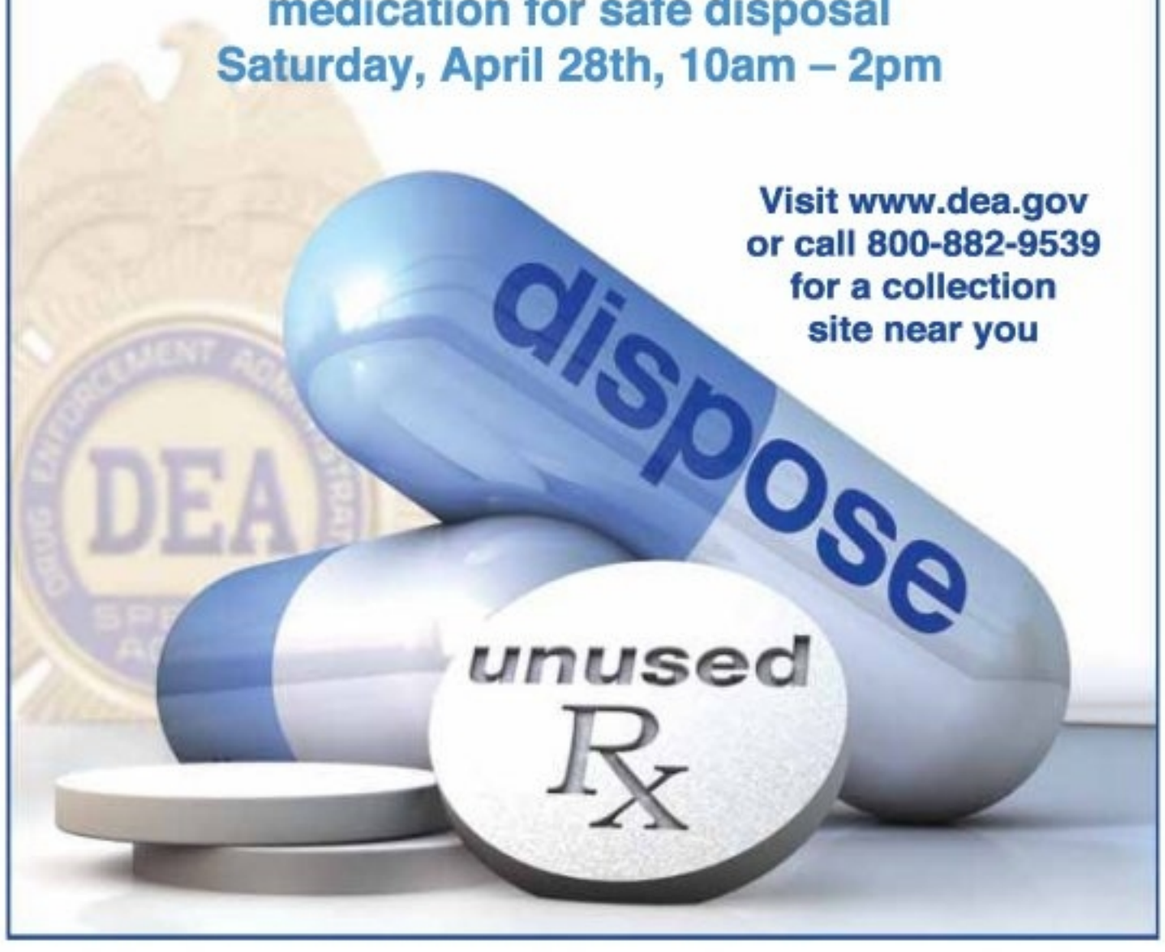

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Health insurers to pay $1.3 billion in rebates: Study

Health insurers will pay $1.3 billion in rebates to consumers and employers this year under a provision of President Barack Obama's health care reform law that penalizes plans that devote too little of their premium revenues to health services, an independent study showed on Thursday.

The study, published by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation, said the data illustrated some of the tangible benefits that consumers and employers could expect from the embattled 2010 law if it survives two major legal and political election-year challenges.

The rebates, which are due by Aug. 1, stem from premiums paid in 2011 on plans representing nearly 16 million beneficiaries. But Kaiser, a nonprofit health care research group, said most of the money is expected to go to employers rather than consumers.

"While the health reform law as a whole continues to divide the American public, there are tangible changes taking place that benefit consumers."
KAISER PRESIDENT DREW ALTMAN

The health care law, Obama's signature domestic policy achievement, has proved unpopular with many voters and could be struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court by the end of June or repealed next year if Republicans gain control of the Congress and White House in the November elections.

"While the health reform law as a whole continues to divide the American public, there are tangible changes taking place that benefit consumers," said Kaiser President Drew Altman.

REUTERS

Protest. Breivik trial

▶ People gather beside flower-decked railings as they take part in a protest during which the gathering sang a song hated by mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik in Oslo.

GETTY IMAGES

Up to 40,000 Norwegians gathered in Oslo on Thursday to sing a popular peace song derided by Anders Behring Breivik, the gunman on trial for the murder of 77 people, a protest organizers said showed he had not broken their tolerant society. The musical protest came on the same day that survivors of Breivik's two attacks last July began to give harrowing testimony at his trial. REUTERS

Hague court convicts Taylor of crimes in Sierra Leone

A United Nations-backed court convicted former Liberian president Charles Taylor of war crimes and

crimes against humanity, the first time a head of state has been found guilty by an international tribunal since the Nazi trials at Nuremberg.

The first African leader to stand trial for war crimes, Taylor had been charged with 11 counts of murder, rape, conscripting child soldiers and sexual slavery during intertwined wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone, when more than 50,000 people were killed. REUTERS

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John Cusack fights crime in between composing short stories as Edgar Allan Poe in 'The Raven' But he's not the only one mashing up history The actor discusses the dark writer while displaying a quirk of his own

DON'T CALL HIM AN ACTION HERO

He rides on horseback while wielding a gun, tracks down a serial killer, drinks (heavily), and composes morbid short stories when he's not trying to save the girl. He is Edgar Allan Poe, action hero. Or not.

"He's not an action hero, per se," says John Cusack, who stars as this swashbuckling — yet still dementedly anguished — Poe in the new thriller "The Raven." "Based on what we know of the man and his stories, it's not a stretch to think of him trying to solve a mystery."

Cusack realizes this take, whereupon literature's favorite depressed and dark writer follows a serial killer whose murders are very similar to those described in his most famous stories ("The Pit and the Pendulum," "The Masque of the Red Death," "The Premature Burial" and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," among others), uses some poetic license. But this "mashup" version, as Cusack defines it, is what attracted him to the role in the first place.

"A straight biopic would be boring — I love this mashup," says Cusack with a slight gleam in his eye. "Poe was fascinating and multifaceted, but where the real drama comes in are the stories — his glorious stories!"

And, really, a biopic still wouldn't be true to the man who Poe is, Cusack theorizes. "It would only be an amalgamation of what you think his life would be," he claims, since so much mystery still surrounds the life and death of the writer. Cusack says he and director James McTeigue "figured we could paint a clearer picture of who and what he was when he becomes a character in his own stories."

The star claims this mashup approach is very "Poe-esque." "He writes about guys who are going crazy. He writes about dreams within dreams. ['The Raven'] is very Poe."

And really, if you are an actor and don't want to portray one of history's most fascinating and layered characters — no matter how you decide to present it in a major Hollywood blockbuster — you should probably just retire. "Yeah, it's time to give up," Cusack agrees. "How can you say no to Poe?"

Quoted

"Poe was fascinating and multifaceted, but where the real drama comes in are the stories — his glorious stories!"
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▶ John Cusack can't say no to Poe.

Cusack's ticks

Cusack spent much of our interview talking about the idiosyncrasies of Poe, bouncing between his alcoholism, his writing, his loves (and the subsequent tragic deaths of those loves) and his addictions. But the actor also revealed his own tick: Puffing on an electronic cigarette, which he smoked throughout our conversation. When asked if he was trying to quit smoking, he said, "I actually quit 10 years ago." So why the electronic variety? "This?" he questioned with a glance at his fake smoke. "I just think this is cool," he said. And then puffed away.

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More mashups

Revamping history

"The Raven" is one of the first in a new cross-genre in film: famous figures in history put in fantastical situations. Now on Netflix Instant Play, you can check out "FDR: American Badass!," in which a vengeful Franklin Delano Roosevelt rides a "wheelchair of death" to stop the world from werewolves who carry the polio virus. In theaters this June is the hotly anticipated film adaptation of Seth Grahame-Smith's 2010 novel "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter," which features our 16th president slaying vamps while abolishing slavery. Also in production are two films fictionalizing the life of Leonardo Da Vinci: "Leonardo Da Vinci and the Soldiers of Forever," which showcases the artist as a Renaissance-era Indiana Jones, and "Leonardo," which is about "Da Vinci's quest to stop Renaissance Europe from returning to the Dark Ages," per Variety.

Benjamin Walker stars as Abraham Lincoln in "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter."

Go see this Poe

'The Raven'
Director: James McTeigue
Cast: John Cusack, Luke Evans
Rating: R
Grade: ●●●◐○

Taking the stance that an ever-melancholy, alcohol-fueled Edgar Allan Poe might have been embroiled in a real-life serial killer case with his own work as the key is a pleasingly postmodern device. And while "V for Vendetta" director McTeigue's film never really rises to the wild heights that premise promises, it's still an entertaining, handsomely designed yarn — undermined somewhat by a meat-and-potatoes script and some weak supporting cast members. But John Cusack is fantastic as the driven master of the macabre who learns that real human evil is far worse than anything his pen could imagine.

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▶ While not entirely living up to the promise of the premise, "The Raven" is good fun.

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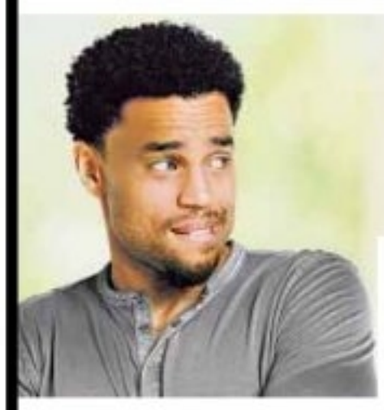

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'The Five-Year Engagement'
Director: Nicholas Stoller
Cast: Emily Blunt, Jason Segel
Rating: R
Grade: ●●●○○

Somewhere etched on a stone tablet are the Rules of Rom-Coms™. All romantic comedies, it seems, must have an unlikely couple meet, fall in love, hit an obstacle and then reconcile just before the credits roll. "The Five-Year Engagement" is no different, but shakes up the formula with some dark comedy — frostbite anyone? — and two leads with charm and charisma to burn.

The darker touches helped separate this from the run-of-the-mill rom-com. Having said that, they also weigh down the midsection of the movie. Luckily, this isn't Kristen Bell (or worse yet, Katherine Heigl) and any other Standard Romantic Male Lead™, but Blunt and Segel. They are the engine that keeps the movie moving forward. They are helped not only by comedian Brian Posehn but also "Community"'s Alison Brie, who is a scene-stealer. Watching her and Blunt have a grown-up conversation in Muppet voices is worth the long running time.

Though the movie could have used some trimming, it succeeds — not because it follows the Rules of Rom Coms™, but because it doesn't.

RICHARD CROUSE
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▶ The chemistry between these two is worth watching.

Synopsis

Jason Segel is Tom, a chef engaged to Violet (Emily Blunt). The quirky two are ready to tie the knot, but circumstance is getting in the way of their wedding plans. First Violet's sister (Alison Brie) preempts her sister's big day by getting pregnant and planning a shotgun wedding. Then Violet accepts a place in a two-year graduate program at the U. of Michigan, once again placing a speed bump in the way of their walk down the aisle.

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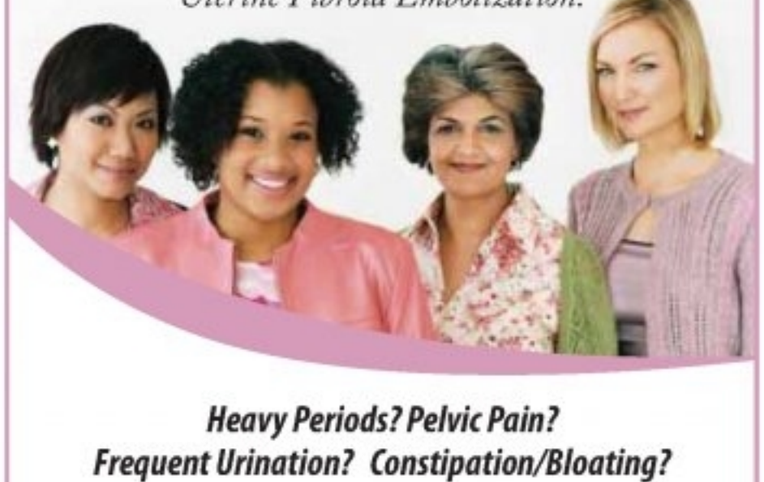

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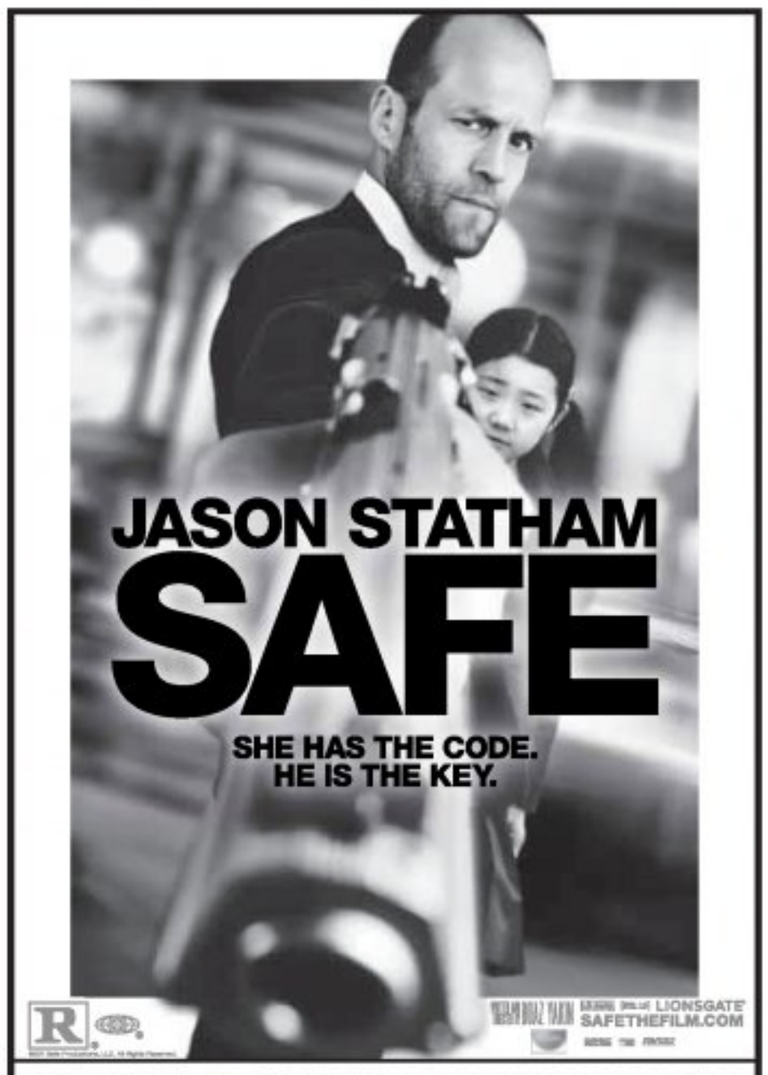

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Jason Statham fights the Russian Mafia and crooked cops while saving a little girl in his latest movie, 'Safe' Typecast as an action hero? Sure, but he doesn't mind

BETTER 'SAFE' THAN SORRY

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▶ Jason Statham plays an ex-cage fighter in his latest action flick, "Safe."

Not every actor can convincingly take out an enemy with a dinner plate, but British actor Jason Statham is a man of many talents. In his new film, "Safe," he takes on the Russian Mafia and corrupt New York City cops. We talked to Statham about his life as an action hero.

Your movies are very physical. Do you have the same training routine for every film?

The fighting styles vary. They base it on what kind of skills the character has and how we can justify them. I suppose they always want to do something a bit different and it has to be a kind of spectacle in some way. This time it was picking up plates. I don't design the fights but I have my own say, if it's too ridiculous. Although, what is too ridiculous these days in action movies?

Would you ever challenge yourself by not playing an action hero?

That's like asking Hugh Grant if he wants to do what I do. You've got to match man with material. I feel that I'm better at this than I would be at playing a lawyer. Everyone's got a strength [and] maybe you should stick with that.

Do you still do your own stunts?

Yes, I'm still stupid. I'm still getting my money's worth. I like doing it. Stallone's still doing it, he's tough as old nails. In "The Expendables" everyone was doing their own thing, there [are] no stunt doubles ... sitting on the sidelines. Guys like it, it's guys doing guys' things. You want to be a part of that. You don't want to give that job to someone else while you're sipping tea on your high chair. I'm in good shape. I'm injury-free which is a good place for me.

You were once in the Great Britain diving squad. If you were to participate in the 2012 Olympics, which sport would you pick?

Darts! Is that an Olympic sport? Two Guinness and darts.

Quoted

"That's like asking Hugh Grant if he wants to do what I do. You've got to match man with material. Everyone's got a strength [and] maybe you should stick with that."
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Review

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▶ Jason Statham is thinking about puppies in "Safe." Just kidding. He's not. But he is kicking some serious butt, like he always does.

Safely awful

"Safe"
Director: Boaz Yakin
Cast: Jason Statham, Catherine Chan
Rating: R
Grade: ●●○○○

While Jason Statham has shown acting skill, the star's one-note script choices — like playing an ex-cage fighter seeking redemption by saving a mathematically-gifted young girl from the mob — does little to advance his type-casting. Plus, plenty of up-close frenzied fight scenes only muddle what's an already formulaic action-thriller. If he keeps turning out movies like "Safe," Statham will surely end up this generation's Chuck Norris. ● STEVE GOW

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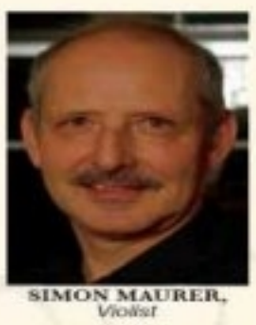

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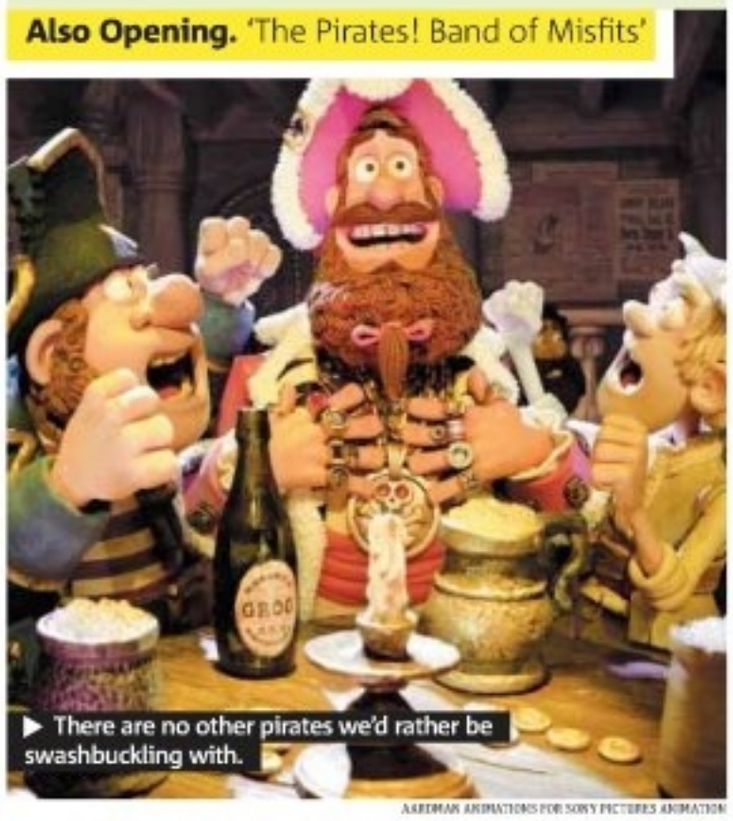

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Jaime Lannister, cupcake aficionado?

Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, star of 'Headhunters' and 'Game of Thrones,' shares his sensitive side

Nikolaj Coster-Waldau understands the art of the badass. The Danish actor can currently be seen in the role of Jaime "The Kingslayer" Lannister, a knight on HBO's fantasy drama "Game of Thrones," and playing Clas Greve, a former mercenary who specializes in tracking — aka killing — people in the Norwegian film "Headhunters."

But as readily as the actor is willing to face down a man-eating direwolf, he's just as likely to show his sensitive side — or at least his good humor.

You're known for some pretty tough characters. Do you actively go after these roles?

No, no, not at all. ["Game of Thrones" and "Headhunters"] happened to come at the same time. Jaime is tough, a soldier, but he's not a psychopath. Clas is borderline psychopathic. He will do anything; he has a disturbing lack of morals. And Jaime has strong morals. We might not share his morals, but he has really strong morality. Both are a lot of fun to play.

What do you enjoy the most about playing these guys?

Well, a guy like Clas, he doesn't follow the rules. I guess it's also one of the reasons why it's fun to watch these characters. Most of us — I know myself, anyway, I'm a law-abiding citizen. If a police guy comes and tells me to stop, I'll stop and I'll be very polite. When you finally get to see someone who just breaks the rules, it can be liberating.

Do you actually have a hidden sensitive side that we don't see on camera? Like you foster kittens or bake cookies?

Cupcakes. All the time. You wouldn't believe. Masterful cupcakes, beautiful, a lot of pink. [Laughs] No, I mean, I think I have normal sensitivities. No kittens right now.

Love, and a lack of it, is a topic explored in the film. Did Clas ever love anything?

I think he has been in love with himself for a long time. What's happened in his life [as a mercenary] is of such a nature that he has lost a lot of that part of the human experience, unfortunately.

Jaime, too, might be in love with himself. What is his definition of love? It's certainly an

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NIKOLAJ COSTER-WALDAU

odd one, considering his incestuous relationship with his sister, Queen Cersei.
It's very complicated. There's a lot of self-hatred with him. When he says, "The things I do for love" [and then pushes a child out a window], he knows it's just horrible, but he'd never give anyone the satisfaction of saying, "Oh my God, I'm so sorry," because it's his actions. He did it. But he truly loves his sister. He loves his family. I think early on in their lives he was almost obsessed with her. And because they're twins, they're so close. Now I think he knows that it's not a healthy situation but there's no alternative. He doesn't know or want to know how to not be with her.

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▶ Nikolaj Coster-Waldau stars as Jaime Lannister on "Game of Thrones" (Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO) and as Clas Greve in "Headhunters," based on the novel by Jo Nesbo. Read our full interview with the actor at www.metro.us/television.

More action

On "Game of Thrones," Jaime has been away from Cersei this season, locked away as a prisoner of war. Do you play any scenes more demanding than sitting inside a cage?
"Yeah later on, finally," Coster-Waldau says. "I can't tell you anything else. Then they will put me in chains."

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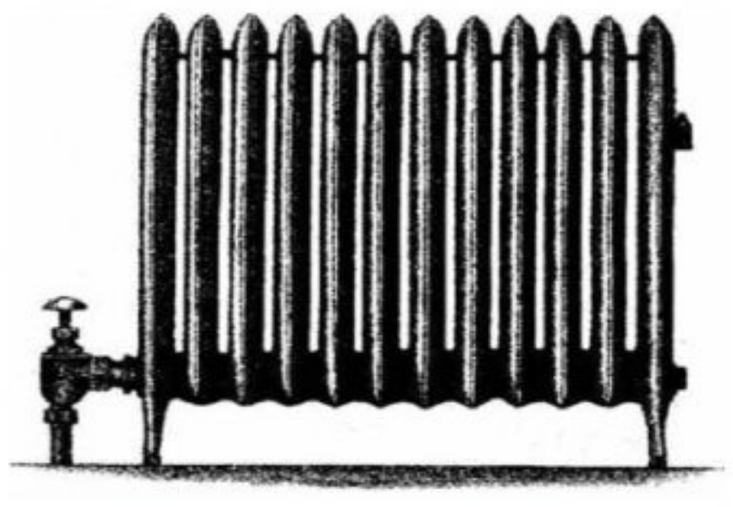

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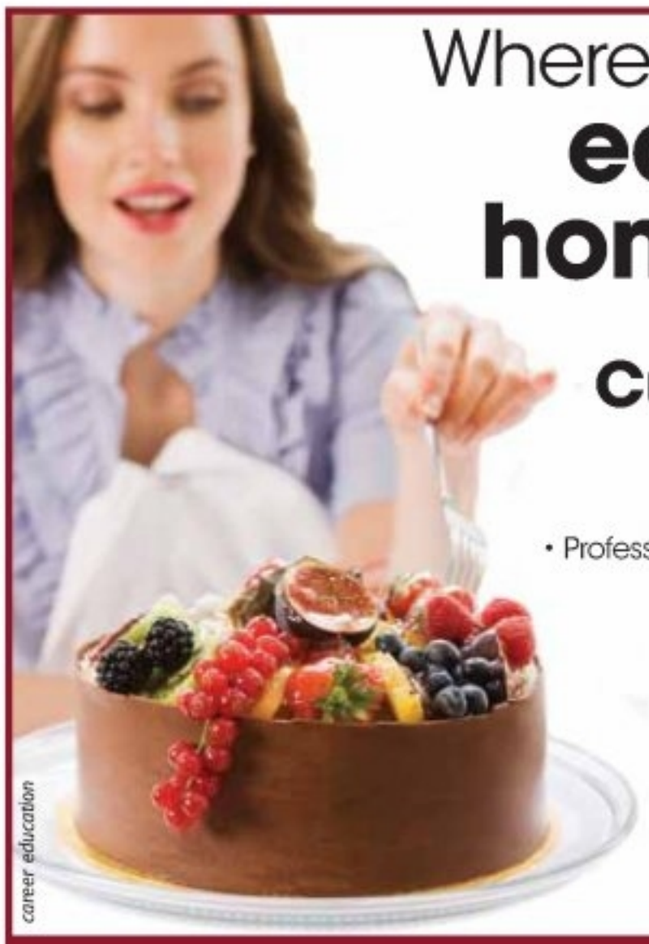

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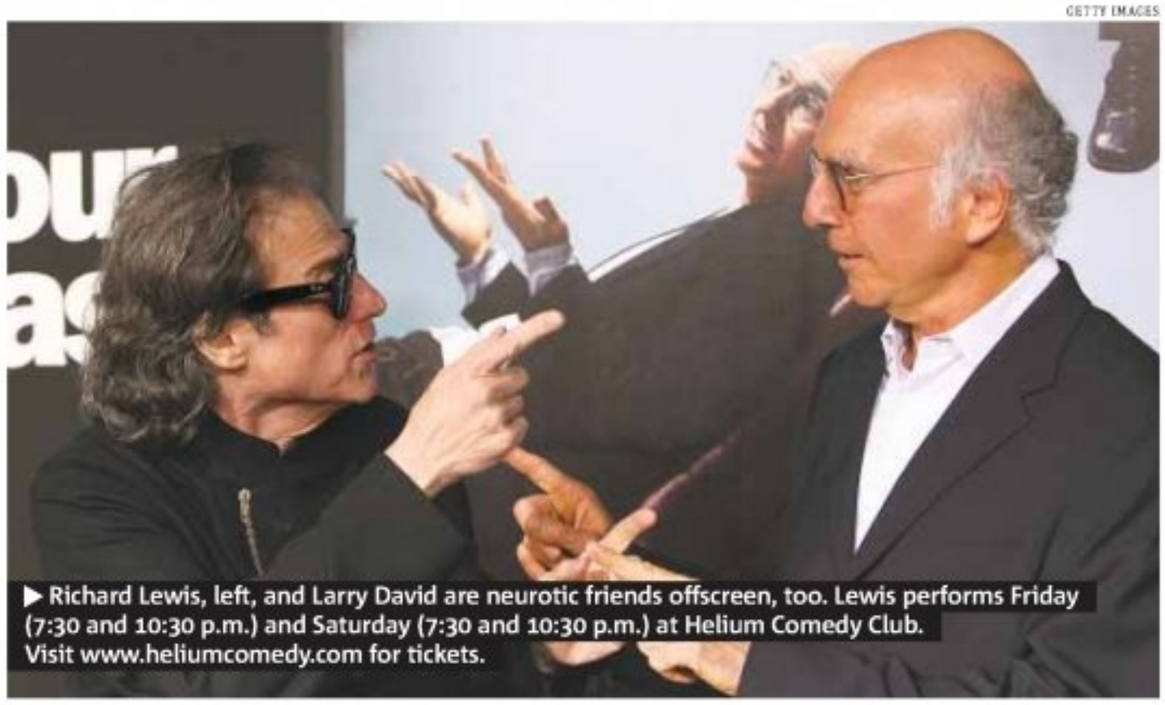

▶ Richard Lewis, left, and Larry David are neurotic friends offscreen, too. Lewis performs Friday (7:30 and 10:30 p.m.) and Saturday (7:30 and 10:30 p.m.) at Helium Comedy Club. Visit www.heliumcomedy.com for tickets.

His entire life is one big 'Curb' episode

As terrifying as that may seem, comedian and actor Richard Lewis says it's true
Catch him this weekend at Helium

On indefinite hiatus from the HBO hit "Curb Your Enthusiasm," Richard Lewis is currently on a comedy tour that brings him to the Helium Comedy Club this weekend. Lewis tells us he decides the content of his show only minutes before getting on stage. "I never know what I am going to say. It depends on what kind of day I am having. I have only one rule — no props," he says.

On "Curb Your Enthusiasm," Larry David and Lewis play best friends who are neurotics in desperate need of therapy. (Lewis does not, by the way, have any inside information about the elusive, rumored ninth season.)

Lewis describes David, who he has known since they met at summer camp when they were 13, as "eccentric, wearing his heart on his sleeve and needing to tell you everything."

Lewis swears that their friendship off-camera is pretty similar to the one depicted on camera, "except for a little hyperbole on camera."

"My whole life is one big ['Curb'] episode. I wanted to take out Larry for his birthday and bought a special gift for him," recalls Lewis. "Even though the restaurant had a valet, Larry David, a multimillionaire many times over, parked at the meter. When I was thanking him for our wonderful friendship, as I was giving him his present of Yankee Mickey Mantle's cufflinks, I noticed that he was not listening to me and kept looking at his watch. He explained that he had to go because he was parked at a meter and did not want to pay a ticket. Our lunch lasted a total of 38 minutes. As he dashed out the door, I had to remind him not to forget his Mickey Mantle cufflinks."

Staying in touch

Lewis believes that some of the credit for his success is due to the comics who came before him. He shows his appreciation to older comics by staying in touch or visiting them, and recently had dinner at Sid Caesar's house.

"I talk to Jonathan Winters every day. He is like a father figure to me," he says. "I used to visit Stan Laurel of Laurel and Hardy and stayed in touch with his widow when he died. When I am older, I hope that Bill Maher and Jon Stewart will visit me."

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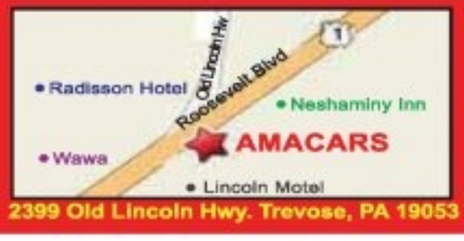

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The feed ...

▶ On Fridays, Dorothy will post the best tweets she received during the week. You can always let her know what you think — good or bad — at @dorothyatmetro.

This week, @Stunners4All doesn't like that Lindsay Lohan will portray Elizabeth Taylor, @TheRealTVRemi and @OhKanye agree with me about new couple Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, @TheRealBiggNez wants to know who Blanket Jackson's daddy is and @DaleBrittannie calls out the most puffy-faced celebrity of them all: Val Kilmer.

@Stunners4All
Lohan as Taylor? Why doesn't Rob Sharenow just crap on Taylor's grave? Same thing.

@TheRealTvRemi
I thought I was the only one who believed Kim & Kanye's relationship seemed sooo fake ...

@OhKanye
your newspaper columns in the morning give me life! And today's one with Kanye and Kim was hilarious!! I love you so!

@TheRealBiggNez
That Blanket story is hilarious. MJ took the bodyguard sperm? How did MJ get it?

@DaleBrittannie
puffy-faced or not, leo dicaprio is nott looking nearly as bad as val kilmer

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Spears gives up rights to dad and fiance

In a sad state of affairs — for **Britney Spears**, at least — a Los Angeles court has approved a request to add fiance **Jason Trawick** as a co-conservator in charge of her finances and decisions, according to TMZ. Trawick, along with Spears' father, will be responsible for all decisions pertaining to her personal life. Spears has been under the conservatorship since 2008. It was originally reported that her father had requested Trawick be added, but it turns out it was the singer herself. A lawyer for her father says her client is "thrilled" with the addition, saying, "It's all in the family."

Look, it's apparent that Spears is still kind of a sick puppy and needs the guidance to make sure she doesn't have another spectacular flameout during which she shaves her head and starts smashing cars with an umbrella and/or loses all of her money. But still: Doesn't the idea of a successful 30-year-old woman giving up her rights to two men sound downright medieval?

▶ Not only will Jason Trawick be Britney Spears' husband, but now he will take on a legal role in her conservancy.

A-Rod

A-Rod gushes about Diaz, Clooney

Yankees slugger **Alex Rodriguez** has kept tight-lipped about his relationships, but he's willing to offer some kind words about ex-girlfriend **Cameron Diaz**. "I don't like talking about my relationships," Rodriguez tells with The Insider. "But I will tell you about CD: She's probably one of the greatest human beings I've ever met and just an amazing light." Of course, Diaz isn't the only A-lister Rodriguez can't help gushing about: "I think my new hero is **George Clooney**," he says. "He's my new role model. I think he's done it right."

The best promotional video ever?

Just when you thought "Toddlers and Tiaras" couldn't get more disturbing: It looks like a 5-year-old star of the reality show has it in for **Justin Bieber**. In a promotional video for the series, young pageant contestant Bridgett says she wants to be an exterminator when she grows up, but her list of targets is troubling: "I like to kill the worms. I like to kill grasshoppers. I like to kill bees," Bridgett explains. "I like to kill Justin Bieber."

Talking points

Aniston just doesn't want to talk about it

This may not come as the biggest surprise, but **Jennifer Aniston** doesn't really want to talk about **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie**'s engagement, according to Us Weekly. "She hates it being brought up because she doesn't really care," a source says. "She feels Angelina can have him. She just wants to move on." Aside from the fact that it's been seven years since Pitt split with her and took up with Jolie, Aniston has moved on herself with boyfriend **Justin Theroux**. "Jen's totally happy with Justin," says the source. "That's all in the past."

Fox is a mother-to-be

A month after pregnancy rumors last surfaced, a source is now insisting to E! News that **Megan Fox** is expecting. It would be the first child for the 25-year-old actress, though she's also stepmother to husband **Brian Austin Green**'s 10-year-old son, **Kassius**. Parenthood is definitely a topic Fox hasn't been shy about: "I want at least two, probably three kids," she recently told Cosmopolitan magazine.

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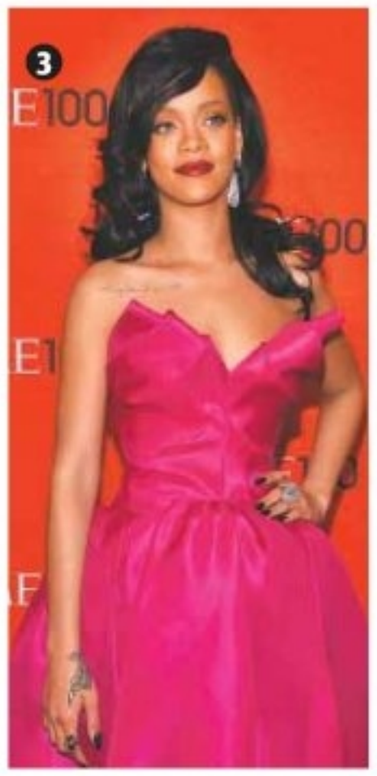
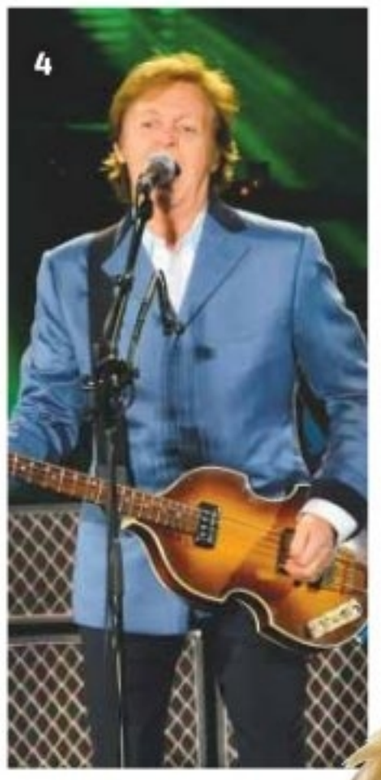
▶ Fox

Heigl adopts another baby girl

Katherine Heigl and husband **Josh Kelley** have expanded their family, adopting another daughter, according to People magazine. "Yes, they have adopted a baby," Heigl's rep confirms. "No further details [are available] at this time." The couple adopted their first daughter, 3-year-old Naleigh, in 2009. The actress explained earlier this year that this has always been their plan: "Josh and I started talking about it before we were even engaged," Heigl said. "We have talked about having biological children as well, but we decided to adopt first."





Rihanna is pretty in pink and other pics to kick off your weekend

1. William Shatner and **Maria Menounos** got a little friendly while filming "Extra" at The Grove on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

2. Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, shielded wife **Catherine**, Duchess of Cambridge, from the rain while at the U.K. premiere of "African Cats" on Wednesday in London.

3. Rihanna, along with **Jeremy Lin**, **Tim Tebow** and 97 other artists, politicians and business leaders, was chosen for Time magazine's 2012 100 Most Influential People in the World list. Here she is, looking pretty in pink, at the magazine's gala at Jazz at Lincoln Center on Tuesday in New York City.

4. Paul McCartney rocked Florianopolis, Brazil, on Wednesday.

5. Alexis Krauss of Sleigh Bells performed at St. Andrew's Hall on Wednesday in Detroit.

6. What time is it? It's time for **Heidi Klum** to unveil new watch additions to her WILDLIFE by Heidi Klum QVC Collection on Wednesday in New York City!

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Electoral college just needs reform

RE: "IS IT DESIGNED TO MARGINALIZE US?": The electoral college does have a purpose, but for it to live up to that purpose it needs an overhaul. The original purpose was to prevent a few populous states from throwing off a national election, but that is exactly what happens now. For it to be fair, and to force candidates to spend time caring about all states leading up to an election, every state should have the same number of electorates, and it should not be winner-take-all. **DANIEL JELKE, VIA E-MAIL**

Monetary policy: A delicate balance

RE: "MONETARY POLICY: THE LOW-DOWN": A small money supply during a recovery can stall an economic recovery very quickly. It lowers bank loan interest rates, which equals cheaper loans. In this economy where people are trying to get out of debt it makes sense to help lower interest rates for those who are trying to consolidate their debt. Your outlook on this issue depends on whether you think the loss in monetary value is made up for by the more affordable refinancing, which puts more dollars in your pocket. **DOUGLAS P BROWN II, VIA E-MAIL**

"Chris Brown abuses animals as well as women."

RE: "CHRIS BROWN IS BREEDING, SELLING PIT BULL PUPPIES": Unsurprising, Chris Brown abuses animals as well as women. Breeding and selling pit bulls as property kills a shelter pit bull's chance of a home and promotes ownership instead of companionship. If Brown and his family love animals then they can help find homes for all those shelter dogs. Don't shop, adopt and save a life. **ROXANNE DELGADO, VIA E-MAIL**

End the loophope, end the speculation

The "Enron Loophole" is the single piece of legislation that's been driving up gas prices during this last decade. It allows Wall Street to buy unlimited amounts of oil futures and then speculate on the price per barrel. Ever since Obama introduced legislation last week to curb speculation on oil, the price of gas has fallen miraculously. **RICH BRITTLE, VIA E-MAIL**

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Hypocrisy for the masses: Fox News

Fox News' Gretchen Carlson claims President Obama demeans the office of the president by going on the Jimmy Fallon show and joking around like a regular person. Yet when Bush appeared on "Deal or no Deal" she said she liked it because it showed Bush as an average American. **ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL**

Stop blaming Bush; blame the organizer

If you are still blaming Bush you are wrong on many fronts; it's been over three years, time to man up and take responsibility. If you voted for Obama, once you are wrong and getting exactly what you asked for by putting an unqualified community organizer into power. It is great to organize communities by promising "free" handouts, unfortunately nothing is free and the great organizer has no plan on how to pay for any of this. **JOEY WHITMOYER, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't wait for others to put a fun activity together, be the one who initiates good times. If you do, this can be an extremely enjoyable day.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Those who love you are likely to do all they can to help satisfy both your material and emotional interests as unobtrusively as possible.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It's one of those rare days where some of your more expansive hopes have better-than-average chances of being gratified. Be optimistic.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't sit around waiting for something good to happen. If you get on things immediately and strike while the iron is hot, you can realize some gangbusters opportunities.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Forget about all the petty things going on in your life and focus your energies and efforts on endeavors that are near and dear to you. When you do, life can be pretty darn great.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Collective endeavors look extremely promising at this point in time. Check to see if there is room for you in a coalition that is engaged in something interesting.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** One of your better assets is your knack for encouraging people to get together to work on a common goal. Instinctively you will know who should be part of this effort.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you've been considering making a major change that you believe would better your working conditions, now's the day to implement it. Delay will only dull your fervor.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Trust your instincts, common sense and good judgment. Snap decisions could actually turn out to be better than those over which you ponder for some time.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Timing can be extremely important in situations where you are trying to put together some kind of deal. Don't present your case without having all your ducks in a row, and don't delay the arrangement of said quackers, either.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You might not have any fresh ideas yourself, but there will be no one better than you for improving upon the innovations of others. You'll know how to polish up what they envision.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** This could be one of your better days, with everything going well. The happiest surprise, however, will be running into excellent bargains for everything you need. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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Solution to Thursday's crossword

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Bittersweet symphony

For Oh! Pears frontman Corey Duncan, a full-time, 13-member ensemble would be ideal But that makes overseas touring — and even practices in Philly — difficult

Corey Duncan, the mastermind behind Philly's 13-piece rock ensemble, Oh! Pears, has a confession to make: He never intended to create an orchestra. The orchestra thing happened accidentally while he was working on his first EP, "Fill Your Lungs."

"It was going to be just guitar and drums, and I was going to sing all of these harmony parts," says Duncan. "The harmonies sounded weird as vocals, but I knew the arrangements were cool. So I had a couple string players come in, and it worked out really well. They liked doing it, and it was really successful. It sort of grew from there."

Duncan's compositions are inspired as much by Tchaikovsky as Grizzly Bear, making full use of the subtle variation a large ensemble provides. But on two successive European tours, he's learned to find subtlety in smaller numbers with Pears light: Duncan plus Pattern Is Movement drummer Chris Ward.

"At first I felt really naked. I've always had backup before. It was scary. But it changes the way you think about performing your songs and your singing, and the energy and emotion you're bringing to it," he explains.

On Saturday, Pears will play Johnny Brenda's as a quartet with a guitar, viola and cello, plus Ward on drums. "In a perfect world, I'd probably have 13 people play with me all the time. I love the grandness of the sound. But it took 100 e-mails to get one practice together," says Duncan. "For me, the four-piece is perfect. The essentials are there. The strings have this wonderful dexterity: Notes can sustain for an infinite amount of time, and the way they relate is just magical."

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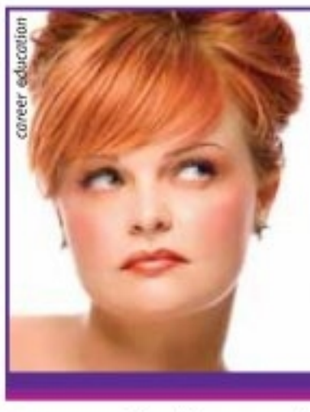
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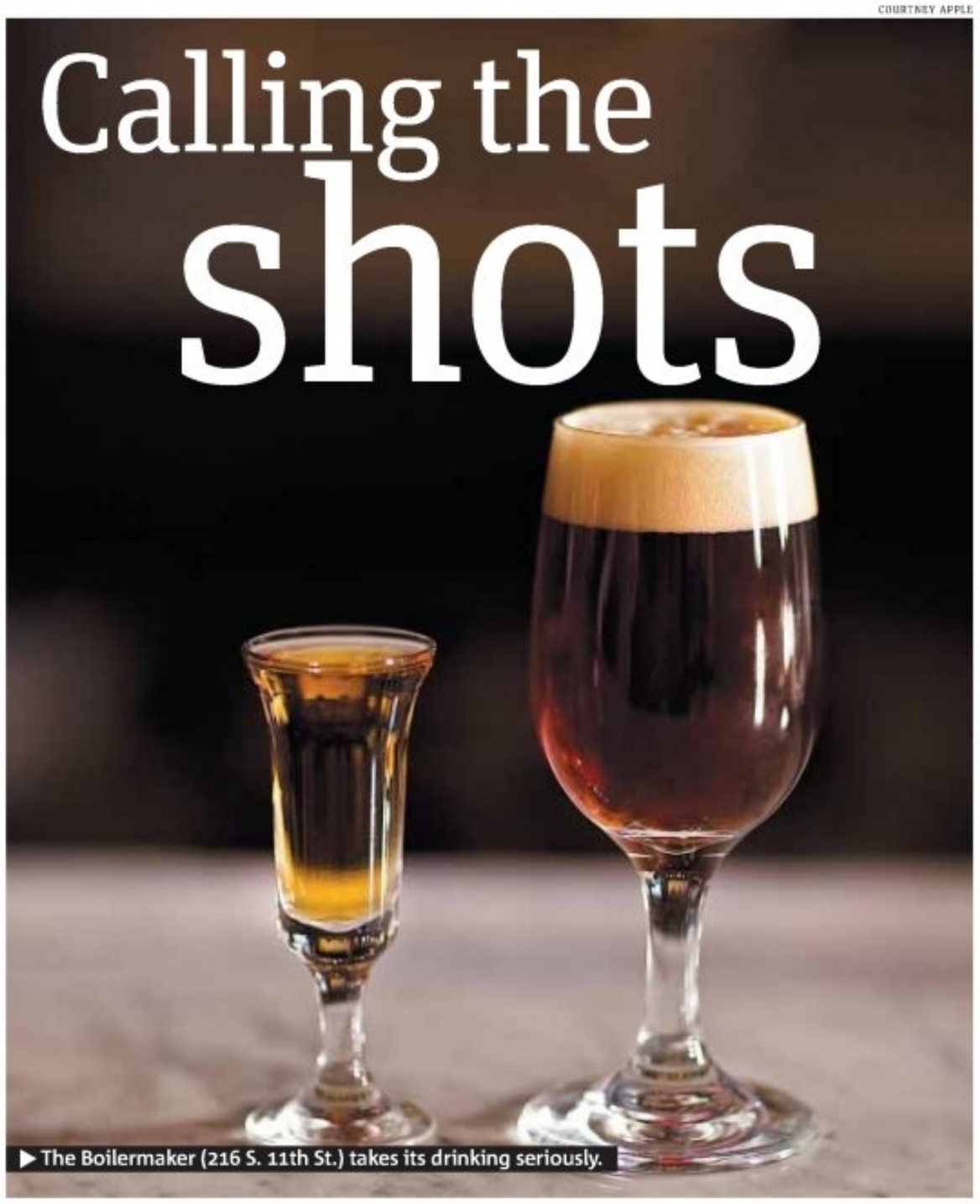

Calling the shots

▶ The Boilermaker (216 S. 11th St.) takes its drinking seriously.

New bar The Boilermaker pays homage to the classic beer-and-shot combo And yes, it has PBR

There's a long-running debate in Philadelphia over which bar created "the citywide special" — the no-frills drink combination of a beer and a shot of bourbon. It's normally a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon and a shot of Jim Beam, Heaven Hill or Old Crow, and the only thing that is truly special about "the special" is that it's incredibly cheap (almost always under $5).

Borrowing its name from the official title of the beer-and-shot cocktail, The Boilermaker is a new bar and restaurant launched by the owners of The Farmers Cabinet.

While Farmers Cabinet specializes in complex cocktails, the idea for The Boilermaker is to work with the simple but sophisticated flavor profiles of a beer and a shot of liquor. "You can't open a shot-and-beer bar without paying homage to Philadelphia's traditional citywide special," says Boilermaker's director of operations, Will Pumphrey. "But PBR's the only macro beer we offer."

Boilermaker's two floors are a mixture of Transylvania and "Game Of Thrones," with medieval-themed furniture and antique communal picnic tables, mysterious alcoves and flickering candles. Conceived by executive chef Steve Forte, the menu offers American comfort food, from mac and cheese and black pepper cornbread to hot dogs and a pork sandwich topped with bacon and a fried egg. "It's food people want to eat late at night," says Pumphrey.

But, considering how dimly lit Boilermaker is, it will feel like midnight no matter what time you stroll in.

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Hooch highlights

Boasting 12 local craft beers and 28 nonlocal craft taps, the centerpieces of the menu are the eight regional boilermaker options. Alongside the citywide special are more unique pairings, such as the Florida (St. Somewhere Saison Athene with Aviation Gin), the Virginia (Cabinet Artisanal No Love Lost with Ragged Mountain Rum) and the Pennsylvania No. 2 (Weyerbacher Blanche with Prairie Vodka).

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▶ Get lit: The Boilermaker has a Transylvania-chic lighting scheme.

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When needles meet nerds

Carl Zimmer presents his new book on scientists and tattoos this weekend as part of the Philadelphia Science Festival

On Sunday, science writer Carl Zimmer will be at Frankford Hall with body artist Mandy Sauler to talk about his new book, "Science Ink," which collects images of and musings on scientists' geeky tattoos — as well as what happens biologically when you get that tribal arm band inked on your bicep. We caught up with Zimmer to talk about the book and whether there's any ink in his future.

What set you off in search of science tattoos? Did someone come to you with a science tattoo that they had? Did you spot one in the wild?

I spotted one in the wild. There's a neuroscientist that I know named Bob Datta at Harvard. I happened to see that he had a tattoo on his shoulder that was of DNA. I asked him about it and he explained to me how he had encoded his wife's initials in the sequence, and I thought to myself, "Wow. This is a new kind of tattoo that I haven't really appreciated before." And I thought it was funny that I knew him fairly well and I had no idea that he had this tattoo on him, and so I started to wonder if other scientists were hiding tattoos as well.

Have you found that any fields of science are more well represented than the others?

Certainly mathematicians and physicists are well represented, partly just because an equation like E=mc2 is pretty straightforward for a tattoo artist. For whatever reason, I didn't have that many geologists or earth scientists. I don't know what that means. I've brought this up and geologists have objected loudly that there are plenty of them with tattoos, but for some reason not many of them have been sending them to me.

Has doing this project inspired you to get any ink?

Maybe someday. I'm not going out of my way to get one, but I'm not ruling it out. I really like the idea of a tattoo that encodes your loved one's initials. Instead of DNA, I would probably do proteins, because their building blocks are represented by a single letter and I could spell out my wife's name if I did it that way. A tiny little protein would do the job.

SCIENCE INK

▶ For more questionable meteor tattoos, stop by Frankford Hall (1210 Frankford Ave) on Sunday at 2 p.m. For a complete list of Philadelphia Science Festival events, visit www.philasciencefestival.org.

Geeks in the Hall

This isn't the first time nerds have taken over Frankford Hall. The Fishtown bar has been hosting Nerd Nite, a monthly lecture series that combines science, technology and giant steins of German beer. Their motto? "Be there and be square." Visit www.nerdnite.com for all your scrunchy-glasses-face needs.

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Atlantic City

Now open: Crossroads at Showboat

Food Network familiar face Aaron Sanchez has taken over the menu at the former House of Blues restaurant and renamed it Crossroads, where he's offering comfort food classics served with a twist. Have a seat in the folk art-lined dining room and order up appetizers like tender braised short rib meatball sliders and spicy chicken wings with smoked tomato barbecue sauce, then tuck into sumptuous entrees like macaroni and cheese laced with hunks of lobster meat or burgers created to your specifications (gourmet toppings include sauteed Bourbon onions and Applewood bacon). Patrons watching their waistlines aren't forgotten: The menu boasts a seared Ahi tuna chopped salad in addition to other light choices. If you're craving something sweet, the key lime pie hits the spot. The restaurant's location makes it a perfect stop before or after catching a show at the neighboring House of Blues venue.

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It's deja vu all over again for the Flyers

Young squad drawing comparisons to 1986-87 team
Berube reflects on the past Excited about future

Standing behind the bench, Flyers assistant coach Craig Berube can't help but feel a little nostalgic. The makeup of this Flyers team reminds him of a squad he once played on that was pretty successful.

As a 21-year-old rookie, Berube played seven games for the 1986-87 Flyers and another five in the playoffs, a team that made it all the way to the Stanley Cup finals before Wayne Gretzky and the Edmonton Oilers beat them in seven games.

According to some accounts, that team is eerily similar to this year's Flyers. Scoring, toughness, overpowering youth … yeah, we've seen a lot of that this season.

"The competitiveness and the spirit this team plays with, I can see a lot of that back in that team," Berube said. "We played with a lot of that jam and stuff like that."

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Some players never get a taste of playoff hockey. Berube did his rookie season, and a handful of Flyers are getting the same experience this spring. Matt Read is the only one of this year's rookie crop that was even alive when the Flyers made their big run 25 years ago, one Berube believes could have been longer.

"That team was as close to a championship team as you're gonna get," he said. "I think if the injuries didn't pile up, we might have beat the Oilers."

Many consider those teams of the late '80s to be some of the best the franchise has put on the ice. They had a young core sprinkled with veteran leadership. Berube thinks the same could easily happen with the Flyers as they're built now.

"With the youth and stuff that's here, definitely," Berube said. "You've got a lot of young players that haven't developed yet into what they're gonna become. It's a very good team. It's a close team."

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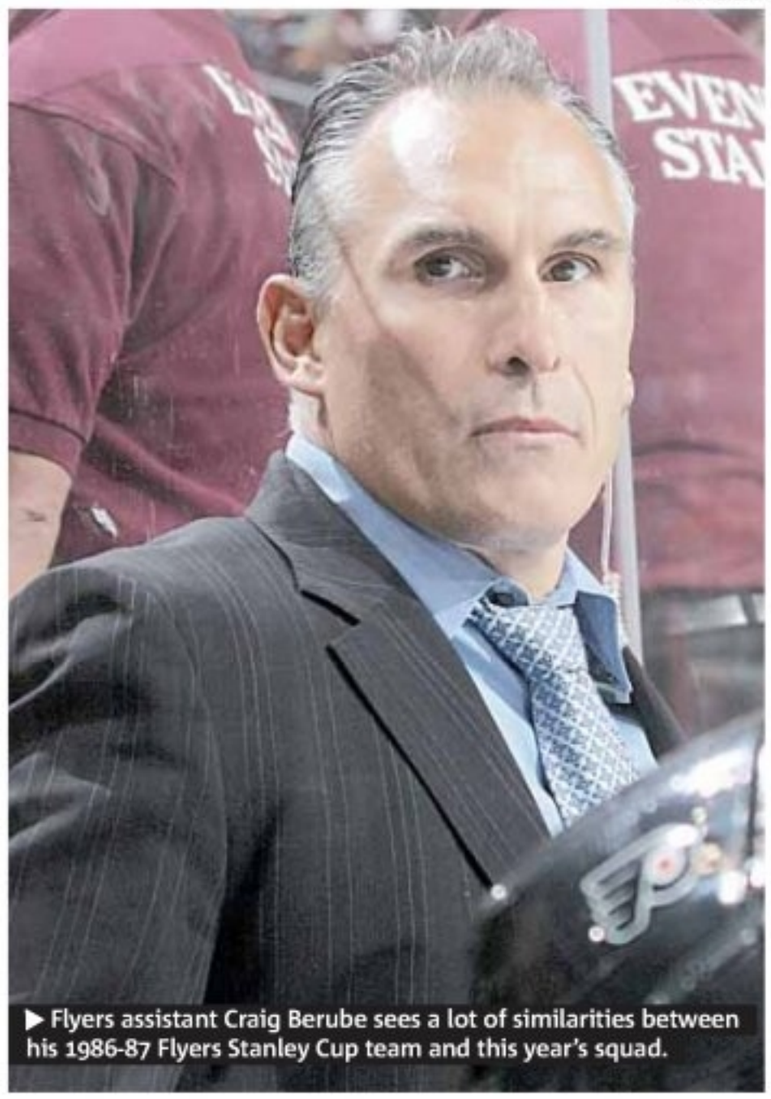

▶ Flyers assistant Craig Berube sees a lot of similarities between his 1986-87 Flyers Stanley Cup team and this year's squad.

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Road to second round lined with East's best

Before the season started, the Sixers had a clearly stated goal of advancing to the second round of the playoffs.

With the postseason just one day away, that aspiration appears to be more of a pipe dream than reality. At press time, we didn't know if the Sixers would be facing the Bulls or Heat come Saturday. Either way, we do know that they'll be huge underdogs. (For the record, they are getting 50-to-1 odds to win it all, according to Sportsbook.com).

It's a disappointing reality for a team that sprinted out to a 20-9 start and weren't expected to face the Eastern Conference's big boys until the second round. But a midseason collapse, coupled with a surge from the suddenly springy Celtics, and the Atlantic Division crown was flushed away.

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For what it's worth, the Sixers do have some confidence in a matchup with the Bulls. The two teams have split the last six meetings and reigning league MVP Derrick Rose has been banged up all season.

"It means we're dodging the tougher team. That's what I think," Evan Turner told reporters when asked what it would mean to face the Bulls instead of the Heat.

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▶ Turner clarified comments Thursday about facing the Bulls, saying, "The Bulls are one of the best teams in the East and one of the best teams in the NBA."

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Phils, Galvis feeling serious glove love

Freddy Galvis speaks softly and carries a big glove. The Phillies' rookie has impressed on the field and in the clubhouse. And the 22-year-old Venezuelan, who speaks fluent English, is as good with the media as he is with a tough ground ball.

"I love to play and I want to make the most of this opportunity," Galvis said. "I want to be here."

It's hard to believe that the laidback Galvis has only been in the big leagues for three weeks.

"He acts like he's been here for a long time and I mean that in a good way," Jimmy Rollins said. "You got to like how he looks in here [clubhouse] and especially out there [on the field]."

Galvis has committed just one error in 99 chances but that pales compared to the plays he has made at second base. Not bad considering that Galvis is a lifelong shortstop, who had to learn a new position on the fly.

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▶ Galvis is proving his worth in field — and clubhouse.

"It's not that big a deal," Galvis said. "I'm just on the other side of second. It's the same thing in that I have to make plays."

It's the way Galvis makes the plays. He's as smooth as silk. Galvis has outstanding range, great hands and makes tremendous throws. Galvis is only hitting .200, but he leads the team in extra base hits with five. There is a real possibility that Galvis will stick around once Chase Utley comes back to play second. After all, Rollins will need a few off-days at shortstop.

"I love being up here," Galvis said. "I want to become better and I want to learn as much as I can. This is a great place to learn."

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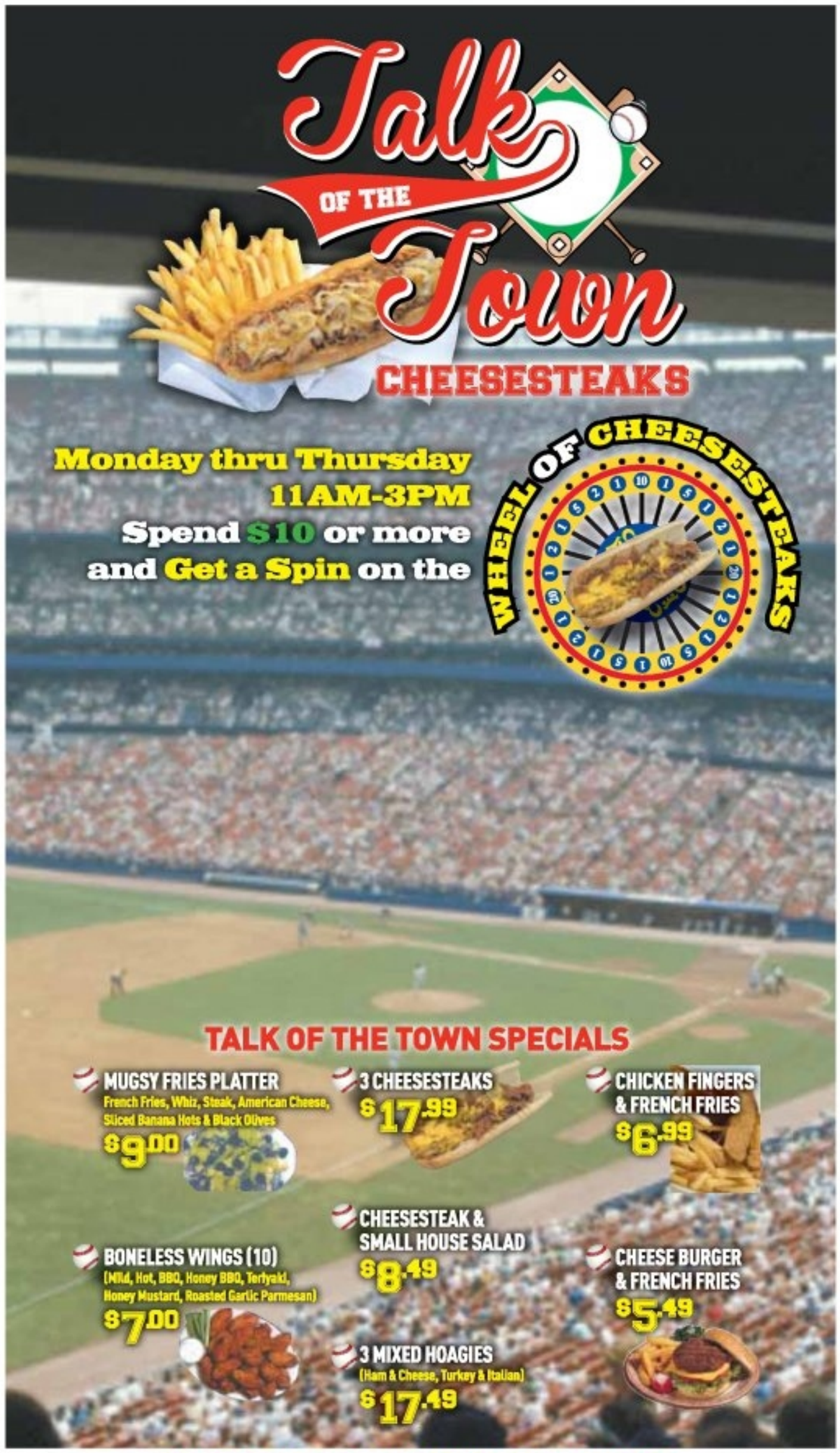

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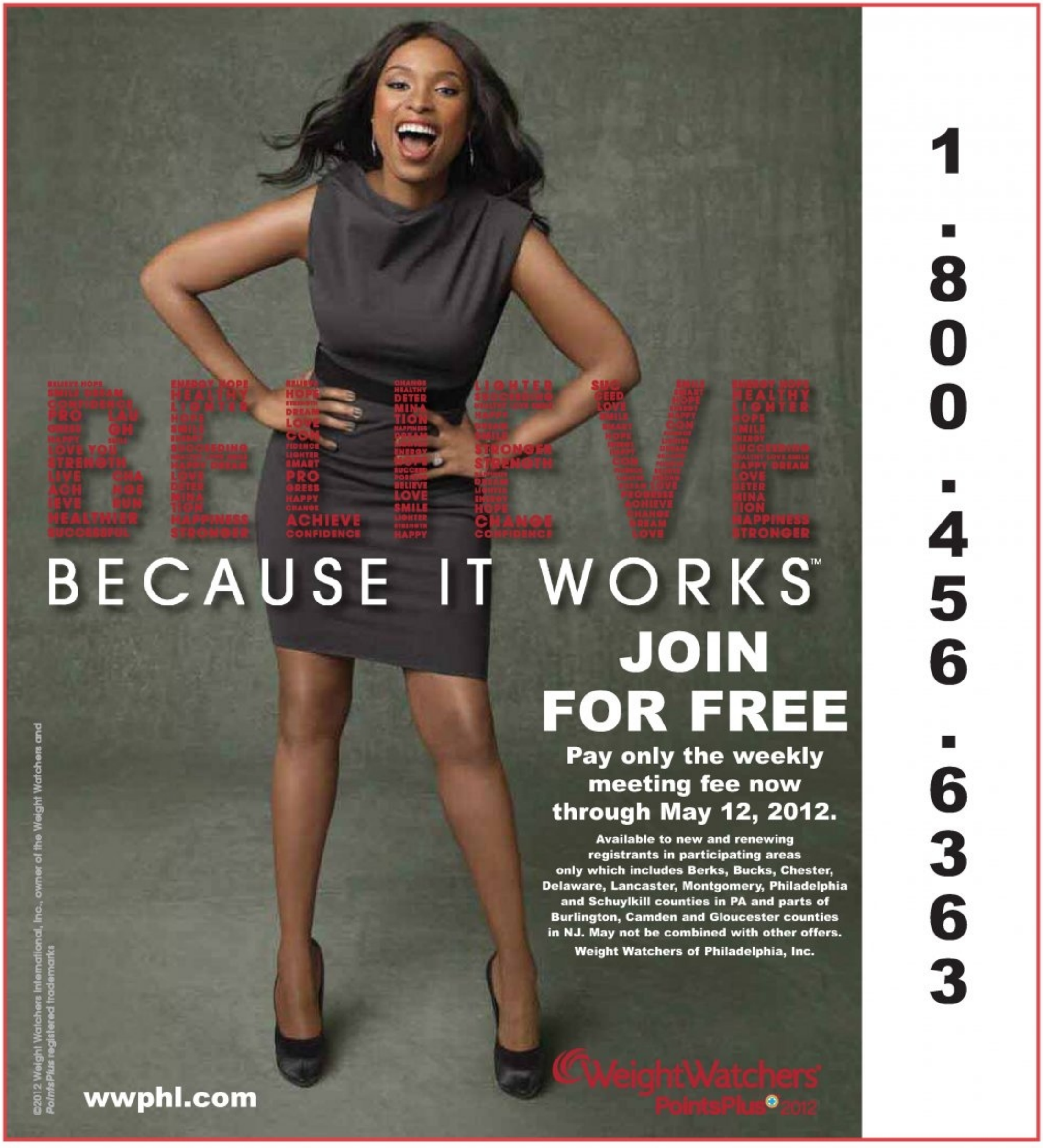
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